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## ACTION BEGUN ON WATER SYSTEM

### WATER BONDS MAY BE SOLD; CONSTRUCTION STARTED SOON

City Council Dates Bonds As July 1 and Sets Interest Rate At 5%; Purchase of Water Company Problematical

In a determined effort to solve the troublesome water problem and furnish water consumers with better water at lower rates, the members of the Torrance city council, under the leadership of Mayor Scott Ludlow, apparently have temporarily abandoned hope of securing federal aid and have decided to offer all or part of the \$400,000 municipal water bonds voted nearly four years ago to private investors.

### Around the Council Table

Councilman Hitchcock, chairman of the public works committee, reported that the paving of Strawberry avenue had been completed, and that a warning signal had been placed at the railroad crossing on Hawthorne avenue. He also stated that the rubbish dump adjoining the city yard near Western avenue, which was objected to recently in a communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, had been "taken care of" in a manner entirely satisfactory to the chamber's committee.

"The city needs a new dog catcher," reported Councilman Stanger. An application from M. N. Andood of Gardena for the operation of a dog pound to serve the city was referred to committee. The applicant stated that he would engage a Torrance resident to assist him in the work. Councilmen Stanger and Hitchcock and City Clerk Barlett were appointed on the committee.

Purchase of \$1500 worth of fire hose was authorized. Part of the new hose will be used to equip the fire truck at Wateria, and the balance to replace worn-out hose at the central station.

Conference with officials of the California Water Service Company, relative to their application for a franchise to distribute water at Hollywood-Riviera, is set for Thursday, June 21.

POP BOTTLES BANNED. Baseball fans at the municipal park hereafter will have to take their drinks in paper cups, it was decided by the Torrance city council Tuesday night when the city daddled ruled against the serving of bottled drinks at the park. The action was taken on recommendation of the company which handles the city's liability insurance.

Ready to Start. Plans have been prepared by the city engineering staff and the special consulting engineers for either the purchase and improvement of the present system, or the construction of an entirely new system to parallel the present privately owned water mains. City officials are anxious to reach a decision on the matter and to make definite arrangements for marketing the water bonds before setting up the municipal budget for the coming year, which must be completed before September 1. In order to set the tax rate.

Water Company Deal. The advisability of buying the present system of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company is also being considered, and a conference was held yesterday afternoon between E. C. Nelson, president of the private water company, and members of the city council. DeKalb Spurlin, director of the water company; City Engineer Leonard, City Attorney Lippy and Grover C. Whyte, editor of the Torrance Herald, were also present.

### Two Men Hurt In Explosion At Columbia

George W. Leech and Mike Sands Are Slightly Burned

Molten steel which escaped from a leak in the furnace wall and ran down over a water pipe caused an explosion at the Columbia Steel plant Monday in which two men, George W. Leech and Mike Sands, were injured.

Leech, residing at the Sunset Court, son of J. W. Leech of the Bank of America, was the more painfully burned of the two, but his injuries are not serious and he was able to return to work the following day. Sands was only slightly burned by particles of the flying metal.

### Lomita Boy Is To Be Ordained As Priest Sat.

Father Bernard J. Gannon Will Celebrate His First Mass On Sunday

Bernard J. Gannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Gannon of Lomita, who has completed his studies for the priesthood, will be formally ordained Saturday evening, June 16, according to an announcement in The Tidings, official organ of the diocese of Los Angeles and San Diego.

Father Gannon, who is a brother of Mrs. Mary Bruner, 1662 Acacia street, Torrance, was born February 26, 1910, in the parish of the Sacred Heart, Los Angeles. The family removed to Lomita in 1911 where Father Gannon received the first three years of his primary education. The remainder was received from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at St. James parochial school at Redondo Beach. In 1923 Father Gannon entered St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, to study for the priesthood. In the following year the preparatory department of the seminary was moved to the new St. Joseph's College, Mountain View, where Father Gannon completed his preparatory course in 1928 and returned to St. Patrick's for his philosophical and theological studies.

USE OF MUNICIPAL BUS IS EXPLAINED. Municipal bus used in the transportation of groups of boys and girls will not be permitted to go farther than 20 miles from the city. It was agreed on recommendation of Councilman Tolson, who explained that the bus was not safe to make mountain trips and that the cost of long trips is prohibitive. Tolson asked that those wishing the use of the bus make their requests at least two or three days in advance so that arrangements could be made for a driver.

### Showing Their Colors



The Stars and Stripes is 154 years old today, Flag Day, June 14 is an historic day in American history. The original Flag Day was June 14, 1777, when the act establishing the flag of the United States was passed by Congress.

The display of the Stars and Stripes on the memorable day is an outward manifestation of the Republic's great appreciation of the heritage handed down by its founders and of the loyalty to the principles which it symbolizes.

In these days when one hears so much of Communism, Fascism, and other political forces inimical to democracy, loyal citizens of Torrance and elsewhere throughout the nation can well follow the example of the workmen pictured above who are erecting their colors on the Marine shore towers of the Golden Gate bridge which is now under construction.

### Widow of Late Judge Dennis To Serve Out Husband's Term

Mrs. Esther Dennis Given Distinction of Being the First Woman Justice of Peace in Los Angeles County

To Torrance and Lomita township goes the distinction of having the first woman justice of the peace to serve in Los Angeles county.

Mrs. Esther Dennis, widow of the late Justice of the Peace John Dennis, will serve out the unexpired term of her husband in the Lomita township.

### Torrance Students Graduate From U.S.C.

Miss Phyllis Knorr, daughter of Mrs. John Knorr, Torrance student at the University of Southern California, is one of the graduates who will receive the degree of Bachelor of Science at commencement exercises held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Coliseum. Miss Knorr has been fitting herself for teaching, and expects to make that her future profession.

Another Torrance student who will graduate from the U. S. C. College of Commerce with the degree of Bachelor of Science is Parke Montague, son of Mrs. Addie Montague. Parke will continue his university studies by transferring to the College of Law for a two-year course. He is a member of the Gamma Eta Gamma law fraternity, and also a member of the university's fencing team which holds the championship for the Pacific coast.

Miss Alice L. Carothers graduates with the degree of Master of Arts.

Due to a typographical error in this medium, the price quoted in the Cut-Hate Hardware Store's advertisement on wire screen was quoted last week at 3 1/2 cents a square yard. The price should have been 3 1/4 cents a square foot.

### Expect Word Bank Opening In Few Days

An official communication from Washington setting a definite date for opening the Torrance National Bank is expected within a few days, it was stated this morning, by J. W. Post, president.

### Dean Cromwell Invited Guest of Kiwanians

Noted Track Coach Will Be Speaker at Meeting Monday

Dean Cromwell, track coach at the University of Southern California, has been secured to be the speaker at the next meeting of the Kiwanis Club, Monday evening, and all Torrance residents who are interested in this branch of sports are invited to hear him.

Cromwell is one of the most noted track coaches in the country, and anything he may have to say about track will be of interest and carry the weight of authority. Because of his ability in turning out champions, the University of Southern California yearly attracts stars from all over the country who want to get in under his wing and increase their speed and knowledge of track competition.

### Bruce Bilger Gets Promotion, Moved To Salt Lake City

Local friends of Bruce Bilger, former district manager of the Standard Oil Company at Torrance, will be glad to learn of his recent promotion to the position of assistant superintendent in charge of sales at Salt Lake City. Mr. Bilger will have charge of sales promotion in the states of Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana, and will begin his new duties June 15. Since leaving Torrance, Mr. Bilger has been assistant district manager for the Standard Oil of Santa Barbara.

In a message to the Herald this week, Mr. and Mrs. Bilger expressed regret that they would be unable to see their friends in Torrance before leaving for Salt Lake City. The decision to transfer Mr. Bilger to the larger field was not made until a few days ago when he was called to the company's headquarters at San Francisco and offered the promotion.

### Rotary-Kiwanis Baseball Game Set For Tuesday

Members of the Torrance Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs are busy working out the kinks in their muscles in preparation for the annual Kiwanis-Rotary baseball game, which is scheduled to take place next Tuesday, June 19, at 5:30 p. m. at the municipal park. The public is invited to view what promises to be a come sport classic of the year.

New Born Calf Escaped River. RAYMOND, Wash. (U.P.)—A three-hours-old calf fell in the Willapa river, battled the current and scrambled safely ashore 100 yards downstream.

### 71 GRADUATES WILL RECEIVE DIPLOMAS THURSDAY JUNE 21

Large Class to Leave Torrance High School at Conclusion of This Semester; Three Graduates Named As Members of Ephebian Society

Commencement exercises at the Torrance high school, with 71 graduates occupying the spotlight in the last event of their high school career, will be held in the patio at 8 o'clock next Thursday evening, June 21.

The program will open with a procession when members of the class march in to take their places on the platform. Rev. John B. Speed of the First Baptist church will give the invocation. Milton Everett will deliver an oration, "Beginning Again," followed by Miss Millicent Lincoln, Miss Joy Fossum and John Elder in a trio; Miss Irene Mills will present the scholarship awards.

The Madrigal Singers present two numbers, "Ave Verum" and "Autumn."

Miss Elizabeth Parks, vice president of the Ephebian Society, three new members of the Ephebian Society, and Kenneth Haslam.

The senior choir will sing, "Listen to the Lambs" and "Deep River." Arthur G. Waldelich, principal, will present the class, and Allan Sedgwick, member of the board of education, will present the reception for the graduates.

Class officers for the summer class of 1934 are Willard Barnett, president; Charles Williams, vice president; Margaret Jensen, treasurer. The class advisors are W. S. Wright, Miss Sara Vaubel and Miss Eva Jones. Class motto is "He Who Overcomes By Force Hath Overcome But Half His Foe." The colors are grey and blue; the class flower, the gardenia.

List of graduates: Sherman Allen, Della May Angel, Eleanor F. Austin, Ruth E. Banks, Willard R. Barnett, Cecil E. Bishop, Virginia L. Bowersox, Alice Burger, William M. Burkert, Vernon W. Coll, Richard Colburn, Blanche Elizabeth Deithers, Joseph A. Disario, Paul A. Drury, John J. Elder, William Milton Everett, Kenneth B. Fess, Margaret Floyd, Joy Phyllis Fossum, Kathryn Elizabeth Fritz, Pearl V. Gilbert, Dorothy Helen Gramling, Zora Harris, Stanley Haskin, Kenneth B. Haslam, Paul J. Hippel, Dale R. Howe, Norma Blanche Hudson.

Elmer Warrington Irwin, Susumil B. Ishikawa, Dorothy Jensen, LaVerne Jones, Martin C. Kallina, Homer K. Kirkpatrick, Georgia Jean Kresse, James K. Lef, Millicent R. Lincoln, Cleo Rae Long, Perry E. Mendenhall, Jr., Theodore Merrill, Milan Micanovich, James F. Miller, Haruko Minami, Kiyoshi Minami, Catherine C. Mitchell, Charles D. Mitchell, Francis C. Mowry, Jack F. McCune, Dorothy E. McMillan, Ruth L. Nelson, Elizabeth L. Neelands, Evelyn L. Pauliny, Audrey C. Roque, Thomas C. Rogers, Betty Jane Rous.

Elwin Guy Rowell, Jr., Beulah E. Russell, John B. Schroeder, Alice M. Schumacher, Lillian Mae Steep, Helen Margaret Smith, Inez E. L. Smith, Vivian Ula Steiner, Edith Pearl Stevens, Esther Mae Terry, Charles E. Williams, Edwin D. Wood, LaBelle Marie Wright, Theodore T. Yamamoto.

One drug store will be named as the headquarters for securing drugs and other supplies, and the service will be rotated among various stores in the community.

The San Fernando plan will go into effect in this district July 1. It is already in operation in many other districts in the county. Under its provisions indigent sick will be able to secure necessary treatment at county expense.

### E. E. Burdick Passes Away

Friends in Torrance were grieved Tuesday to learn of the death early that morning of E. E. Burdick, former resident, who passed away at his home in Gardena.

Mr. Burdick, 74 years of age, had been in poor health for some time, but his death at this time was unexpected and came as a great shock to members of his family.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Burdick, and three sons, Sherman, living at home with his parents; Vincent, of Gardena, and Raymond Burdick, of Torrance, besides many friends gained through years of residence in this district.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, June 13, from the First Methodist church of Gardena, with Rev. Horace Mallovs, of Claremont, a family friend, in charge of the religious rites. Interment was made at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

### Conner Appointment Signed By Roosevelt

Formal notification of his appointment as postmaster at Torrance was received this week by C. Earl Conner, who has been acting postmaster. Mr. Conner's appointment was confirmed by the United States Senate on May 30, and signed by President Roosevelt shortly thereafter.

### To Urge Action On S. Torrance Sanitary Sewer

Strenuous efforts will be made to secure SERA funds with which to complete the South Torrance sanitary sewer project. It was reported by Mayor Scott Ludlow upon his return from a meeting of the Metropolitan Sanitation District meeting Tuesday afternoon. Chief Engineer Warren was authorized to make a special trip to Washington to expedite federal action. Ludlow stated.

The South Torrance sewer project included the territory between Pennsylvania avenue and Walnut street through the Kettler project to connect with the Torrance sanitary sewer line. City Engineer Leonard stated. The cost of the proposed sewer system is \$33,000.